

ESTATE NEWS

Mr. K. Sakkarama Rao was given a send off by the Club on the eve of his transfer on promotion to Trichinopoly as Head clerk to the Deputy Director of Agriculture V Circle.

Mr. Oliver, a Dutch Planter of Argentina paid a visit to the Cane Breeding Station.

Mr. Balkishen, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ajmere and Mr. Labh Singh, Assistant Professor of Agriculture Lyallpur and H. G. Baluch, Asst. Prof. An. Husbandry Poona were on a visit to the College.

Messrs. P. T. Rajan, M. R. Serranum Iyer and Ponnuswami Naidu M. L. Cs., attended the pest act conference held at the college on 13-12-24.

Mr. G. T. H. Bracken, Development Secretary was in our midst on the 13th having come to preside over the Pest Act Conference.

Mr. D. Clouston, Agricultural Adviser to the Government of India spent the 14th here on his return from Wellington whither he had gone to inspect the Military Dairy.

Mr. Warth, the Physiological Chemist, Imperial Dairy Institute, Bangalore stayed with us about a week to confer with the Government Lecturing Chemist and Mr. P. V. Ramiah, M. A. B. Sc. on the animal nutrition experiments initiated and conducted by the latter with the help of the Superintendent, Central Farm.

STUDENTS' CORNER.

B. Sc., Class III students went on a day's excursion to Sundapalayam and Chitrachayadi.

B. Sc. III and short course class II were taken to Peelamedu to study the tobacco cultivation.

The Final University class (B. Sc. III) went on their second annual tour with the Professor of Agriculture. They began at Bommasamudram in the Chittor district on the 23rd instant and finished at Bangalore on the 4th January. They visited Chandragiri, Cuddappah, Siddhavattam, Yerruguntla, Nandyal, Hagari, Hindupur, Maklidrug, Hebbal and Hosur and had instructive lessons to learn and interesting practices to observe.

The College was closed for Christmas on the 22nd instant.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Madras Irrigation Bill. The question of defining the limits to the rights enjoyed by cultivators, Zamindars and Government in regard to flowing water in rivers, canals, channels and distributaries, has been a matter of contention for several years. The Irrigation Cess Act of 1865 was found defective in several ways and the Irrigation Cess amendment Act passed in 1900 caused no little stir among the cultivators. The judgment of the Lords of the Privy Council in what is known as the Urlam case set the authorities a thinking and in 1923, the then Law Member the late Hon'ble Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar introduced a Government Bill, the main principles of which were, it was alleged at the time, based on rationalisation of all water sources and the utilization of the surplus for the benefit of the community. But the majority of the Elected Representatives in the Legislative Council found several defects and the bill was thrown out. Subsequently the present Law Member Hon'ble Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar reintroduced it early this year with considerable alterations to suit the wishes of the legislators. The bill was referred to a select committee which submitted its report with commendable expeditiousness. The Council discussed this threadbare in its sessions for four months and finally passed it this month. We hope it will in due course receive the assent of their Excellencies, the Governor and the Viceroy. We cannot however pretend that even as now passed the bill has no defects, We yet hope that remedies will be found as time progresses and the Act will confer lasting benefit to the toiling ryot population.

Ryots' Conferences. It was a happy idea that struck Mr. Koil Pillai, Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, that he